

November 21, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl Patterson, Trustees Michael R. Middaugh, Keith A. Hatswell, Brian T. Perry; Village Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Daniel P. Borchert and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2016 be and hereby is approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Perry that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	20,989.93
Electric Fund	\$	85,659.35
Water Fund	\$	7,215.89
Sewer Fund	\$	5,498.65

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the applications and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Daric Brege	49 Clarence Ctr Rd	Repair Deck	\$50.00
Paul Carges	26 Sylvan Pkwy	Roof	\$50.00
Brian Spurlock	5 Cedar Street	Roof	\$50.00
Kurt Schie	42 Jackson St	Replace Steel Bldg	\$2,085.00
Kathy White	8 Chestnut St	Roof	\$50.00
Allen Kidder	147 East Avenue	Radon Mitigation	\$50.00
Edward Wideman	44 East Avenue	Radon Mitigation	\$50.00
Kevin Ward	56 Main Street	Roof	\$100.00
Ronald Martin	58 Main Street	Roof	\$100.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh that the following Application for Dumpster Permit for the year 2016 be and hereby is approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual permit fee:

Kathy White	8 Chestnut Street	30 Day	\$50.00
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ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – none

APPEARANCE – James Grant came before the Board representing the First United Methodist Church and the CD Wright Center in regards to the new parking on Church Street. After the paving of Church Street the parking has been eliminated from the east side of the street due to the narrow width of the street and the handicap parking spot has also been moved. Mr. Grant's concern is the elderly who need to park close to the Church. He also stated that people still park on that side and now that there are no markings on that side people park in front of the stairs. He asked the Board if it was possible to at least mark the area in front of the stairs to provide better access. Public Works Manager Jon Cummings explained for safety reasons he eliminated the parking on the east side and could possibly consult with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Borth to take another look at the situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Resident Doug Ceisner suggested that the Village Board along with the Town of Newstead jointly send a letter again to the State to re-route the tractor trailers to go down Hake Rd and not through the Village center. He stated that with the Murder Creek bridge closure in 2018 both Boards should push it now before the work starts. Mayor Patterson stated that the Board has contacted the State several times to request the change and the County stated that Hake Road is not wide enough or heavy enough to handle the tractor trailer traffic.

Mr. Ceisner asked the Board what they did with the money that was ear marked for the light bulb give away. Clerk Borchert stated that the Board is still looking into the give-away and also replacing the Cobra head LED street lights.

Mr. Ceisner also stated that the two largest liability suits lately are against Police Departments and Water Departments. He asked if the water is checked for atrazine? Mayor Patterson stated that the Village Water Department is required to check levels of chemicals, he just wasn't sure of the exact list.

PROJECT REPORTS – none

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

CLARK PATTERSON LEE – absent

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Hatswell – reported: attended a meeting on November 16, 2016 with the Akron Fire Company on working toward a multi-year contract. Also attended a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday and happy to note with the monthly utility billings the cash flows are very good.

Trustee Forrestel – absent

Mayor Patterson – reported: Attended the Erie County Government Association meeting last Thursday where Congressman Collins attended briefly. Also discussion was held of a new ambulance Service possibly making its way into Western New York called Ambulance WNY, Inc.

Michael Middaugh – Reported: also attended the meeting with the Akron Fire Company regarding their contract and would like to request an Executive Session regarding contractual personnel issues. Received an email from Public Works Manager Jon Cummings regarding the vehicle replacement program where the Village rolls over vehicles every two years. He stated the Village has been very successful with this program and would like to continue the program.

Trustee Perry – attended an Operations Meeting Friday with Trustee Hatswell, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sarah Kyre and all the DPW Department Heads. The Group reviewed the purchasing policy and a discussion was held regarding the goal to build the budget from the bottom up with input from all Department Heads going forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue Village Land –nothing

Public Works Facility at 43 East Avenue – nothing

Cable Contract – nothing

Budget Transfers – discussion was held regarding eliminating some of the extra line detail in the budget breakdown to provide better transfer options on the recommendations of the Operations Committee. The Committee also recommended the following transfers submitted by Treasurer Kelley:

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh to allow the following budget transfers on the recommendation of the Operations Committee and Treasurer Kelley be and hereby is approved:

<u>General Fund:</u>			
A5110.0400	to	A5110.0447	\$500.00
Streets Expenses		Streets Grounds Maint.	
A1990.0400	to	A5110.0499	\$100.00
Contingency		Streets JF Insurance	
A1990.0400	to	A9730.0700	\$490.00
Contingency		NYS Retirement BAN Interest	
<u>Water Fund:</u>			
F8320.0400	to	F8320.0437	\$500.00
Crittenden Rd Well Expenses		Crittenden Rd Well Electric Service	
F8330.0400	to	F8330.0467	\$207.95
Water Plant Expenses		Water Plant Outside Equipment	
F8330.0400	to	F8330.0491	\$25.07
Water Plant Expenses		Water Plant House Expense	
F1990.0400	to	F8340.0437	\$800.00
Contingency		Electric Service	
F1990.0400	to	F8340.0445	\$1,500.00
Contingency		Postage	

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Moratorium will expire December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION duly moved Hatswell and seconded by Perry to approve the purchase of 100 cobra head LED street lights from Gottogo Electric in the amount of \$18,700 based on the quotes received by Thomas Whitbeck from Gottogo Electric, CC Custom Products and Falcone Electric be and hereby approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Resident Debra Darling praising the Department of Public Works leaf collecting crew

Charter Communications rate changes effective December 15, 2016

Letter from NYCOM regarding their undertaking of a comprehensive member engagement initiative.

Letter from Ambulance WNY, Inc. in notification of their application for a new basic life support inter-facility non-emergency transportation service in Erie County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Douglas Ceisner wanted to thank the Public Works, especially Thomas Whitbeck, in his involvement with the purchase of the cobra head LED street lights for the Village. He is glad to see the DPW employees involved in the budget process.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Middaugh to go into executive session regarding contractual personnel issues at 8:12 p.m. be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh to come out of executive session regarding contractual personnel issues at 8:41 p.m. be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

After a brief recess, the Village Board welcomed the Newstead Town Board at 8:44 p.m. for their joint meeting. Mayor Patterson first expressed his thanks and appreciation for the help the Village received from the Town during the past construction season.

Code Enforcement Officer – Supervisor Cummings noted that as of this evening the Town of Newstead is looking for a replacement of the vacated position. The Town stated that they are looking at a part time position and noted that the Village has a part time position and wondered if the Village would be interested in sharing that position going forward similar to the arrangements they had many years ago when Donnal Folger was the Code Enforcement Officer. The Town will dedicate two councilmen and the Village will dedicate two trustees to see if this can be a shared position between both municipalities.

Sewer District – The Town will be holding a public hearing at their next meeting to approve the creation of the sewer district. As soon as the district is created then the sewer district agreement can be executed.

Master Plan – The draft RFP was circulated to both boards and the additional items have been noted. It will be forwarded to Paul D’Orlando from Erie County Department of Environment and Planning for review. It was noted that while updating the master plan, it should be noted that there should be a Route 93 bypass around the village for thru truck traffic. Both boards will ask for support letters from local businesses as well as sending a letter to the New York State Department of Transportation.

Joint Facility Office Position – Mayor Patterson reported that the Village had received a number of candidates for the position and that they had interviewed four candidates including the current part time employee for the Town. The Village will be offering the position to Deborah Forrestel.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry to appoint Deborah Forrestel to the vacant office position at the public works facility hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	-AYE

Planting of Pine Tree – The Village and Town were presented with a white pine tree from the Seneca Nation at the Indigenous Day Celebration this year. The tree has been residing at the public works facility and it needs to be planted soon. The locations that have been discussed are Veterans Park, Russell Park, Wilder Park. It was decided that it would be best situated in Veterans Park. Trustee Hatswell will contact the Seneca Nation to attend the ceremonial planting of the tree on Thursday December 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Salt Purchase – It was discussed that the Village and Town might want to make a joint salt purchase instead of each municipality purchasing separate salt and putting into the one combined salt storage barn. The Village has currently set up on their salt spreaders tracking technology that monitors how much salt has been dispensed. Supervisor Cummings stated that the Town Board will be discussing this item further.

It was noted that the tentative date of the next joint meeting will be on Monday March 20, 2017 at the Newstead Town Hall around 8:30 p.m.

On motion of Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh at 9:25 p.m. this meeting was ADJOURNED

MAYOR

CLERK